

TABLE 19. WORKER'S COMPENSATION ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND STUDY COMMISSIONS

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Alabama	NO COMMITTEES OR COMMISSIONS						
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Arizona	NO COMMITTEES OR COMMISSIONS						
Arkansas	NO COMMITTEES OR COMMISSIONS						
California	Commission on Health and Safety, and Workers' Compensation	Governor - 4; Senate Com- mittee on Rules - 2; Speaker of the Assembly - 2	Continued ex- amination of wc system.	Annual report, with recom- mendations.	Labor - 4 Employers - 4	Start - 1994 Ongoing	Issued annual re- port which made recommendations for administrative modi- fications and legis- lative proposals for the wc system.
California	Rehabilitation Advisory Committee	Administrative Director, Division of WC	Assist voc re- hab unit by recommending forms, proce- dures, and rules to more effec- tively administer rehab regulations.	No annual re- port.	Insurers - 2 Employer groups - 2 Attorneys - 2 Injured workers - 2	Start - 1990 Ongoing	Recommended a regu- lation regarding vocational feasibi- lity. Working on simplifying the return-to-work with the same employer process.

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Georgia	Workers' Com- pensation Board Advisory Council	WC Board	Foster better communications between the Board and the various parti- cipants in the wc system.	Better communi- cation and co- operation be- tween the part- ies represented. Procedures may be changed, forms revised, or new pro- cedures concern- ing wc imple- mented.	Physicians Employers Employees Carriers Self-Insurers Rehabilitation Providers Attorneys (approx. 87 members divided in six sub- committees)	Start - 5/87 Indefi- nite	The subcommittees continually make recommendations both legislative- ly and administra- tively to improve the wc system in Georgia.
Hawaii	NO COMMITTEES OR COMMISSIONS						
Idaho	Industrial Com- mission Advisory Committee on Workers' Compen- sation	Commission	To provide assistance and advice on the wc system to the Industrial Commission.	Recommendations to the Indus- trial Commission.	Workers - 3 Management - 3 Insurance Industry - 3 Attorneys: Claimants - 2 Employer - 2 Medical Providers - 1	Start - 1 - 3 years staggered	First meeting held September 27, 2000; John Barrett elected Committee Chairman.
Illinois	Workers' Compensation Advisory Board	Governor	Assist the WC Commission in formulating policy, discuss problems, set priorities of expenditures and establishes short and long range goals for administration.	Recommendations to the Governor regarding policy, solu- tions to prob- lems, and administrative goals.	Employer Representa- tives - 3 Employee Representa- tives - 3 Other Categories - 3	Start - 12/18/89 Indefi- nite	Inactive.

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Illinois	Illinois Self-Insurer's Advisory Board	Chairman, Industrial Commission	Regulate the private indivi- dual self- insurance pri- vilege in Illinois.	Determinations of employers' financial status and amount of security employ- ers are required to post.	Public member - 1 Chairman, IC - 1 Self-Insurance experts - 5	Start - 1/1/86 Ongoing	Graded financial status of employ- ers; made deter- minations for amount of security each employer is required to post.
Indiana	NO COMMITTEES OR COMMISSIONS						
Iowa	NO COMMITTEES OR COMMISSIONS						
Kansas	Workers' Com- pensation Advisory Council	Secretary, Department of Human Resources	Bring labor and industry together to recommend beneficial changes to the wc laws.	Make recommenda- tions to improve wc laws.	Labor - 5 Management - 5 WC Division - 1 Insurance - 1	Start - 1993 Ongoing	Continued to monitor the wc statute; participated in major reform of wc law, reviewing tech- nical and policy issues.

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Kentucky	Workers' Com- pensation Advisory Council	Governor	Study all aspects of the wc program.	Provide recom- mendations to the Governor and Legislature on all matters relating to the wc program.	Labor - 8 Management - 8	Start - 1987 Ongoing	No recommendations made as of 1/1/01.
Louisiana	Workers' Com- pensation Advisory Council	Governor	Monitor the administra- tion of the wc law.	Reports on the implementation and administra- tion of the wc law and makes specific recom- mendations to the Governor and legislature.	Labor - 2 Attorney - 2 Self-In- surer - 1 Business - 2 State Medical Society - 1 Citizens - 5	Start - 1/90 Ongoing	No recommendations made as of 1/1/01.
Maine	NO COMMITTEES OR COMMISSIONS						
Maryland	Joint Workers' Compensation Benefits and Insurance Oversight Committee	President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Delegates	Assess the im- pact of the legislative re- forms of 1987.	Report to the General Assem- bly.	Senators - 2 Delegates - 2 Labor - 1 Construction Industry - 1 Public - 2 Insurance - 1 Rating Organi- zations - 1 Physicians - 1	Start - 1/1/88 Ongoing	Discussed legisla- tion which would extend PPD benefits, provide a credit for permanent benefits when TTD benefits have been overpaid. Also discussed leg- islation which would change hear- ing locations.

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Massachu- setts	Workers' Compensation Advisory Council	Governor	Monitor the wc system through legis- lative recom- mendations and various studies.	Annual report; recommend, give testimony, and report on all aspects of the wc system.	Labor - 5 Business - 5 Medical - 1 Legal - 1 Insurance - 1 Government - 2 Voc Rehab -1	Start - 12/85 Ongoing	Reviewed legisla- tion and offered recommendations; monitored the dis- pute resolution system; published annual report de- tailing the State wc system and offering recom- mendations to make improvements; filed legislation to in- crease State admin- istrative fines on employers failing to carry insurance; monitored the De- partment of Indus- trial Accidents' budget in detail; analyzed costs of increasing wc benefit; analyzed insurance industry rate filing and concepts.
Michigan	Funds Review Committee	Director, BWC	Review funds status.	Provide report which makes leg- islative recom- mendations for the funds.	Insurers Self-Insurers Employers	1999 - Ongoing	Recommended the discontinuance of several funds. Also recommended improve- ments to enhance the efficiency and ad- ministration of several other funds.

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Nebraska	NO COMMITTEES OR COMMISSIONS						
Nevada	Interim Legis- lative Committee on Workers' Compensation	Legislature	Develop legis- lation (includ- ing holding hearings) for the wc system.	Legislative re- commendations to improve the wc system.	Senators - 4 Representa- tives - 4	Start - 10/99 Ongoing	Made several pro- posals to improve the wc system.
New Hampshire	Workers' Com- pensation Advisory Council	Governor	Forum for dis- cussing wc pro- gram to identi- fy problems and prepare legisla- tion.	Annual report.	Labor - 1 Employer - 1 Insurance Industry - 1 Labor Commis- sioner or designee - 1 *Member of the House - 1 *Member of the Senate - 1	Ongoing	Reviewed issues af- fecting the compen- sation community, and reviewed facets of managed care in the wc system. (*appointed by President of the House and Senate, respectively)
New Jersey	Commissioner's Advisory Coun- cil on Workers' Compensation	Commissioner of Labor	Examine cur- rent policies procedures, rules and reg- ulations of the wc system. Study initiatives taken in other wc systems.	Recommendations to the Commis- sioner.	Insurance Industry - 1 Labor - 1 Self- Insurers - 1 Lawyers - 3 Academia - 2	Ongoing	Reviewed issues af- fecting the compen- sation/insurance community; and, re- viewed facets of the State's wc system.

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New Mexico	Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation and Occupational Disease Disablement	Governor	Study and possibly make recommendations concerning legislation, regulations, data research and the combined wc and occupational disease disablement system; review administration of wc and occupational disease laws.	Annual report to Governor, Superintendent of Insurance, and legislature	Business - 3 Labor - 3 Director, WC Administration is ex officio member	Ongoing	Legislative recommendations developed in December 2000 have been introduced as a bill and are currently being considered for enactment. Some previous recommendations have been enacted into law.
New York	Advisory Committee on Medical Fee Schedules and Allied Problems	Chairman, WC Board	Recommend and advise Chairman on changes in the medical fee schedule as well as promulgation of chiropractic, podiatry, physical therapy, and outpatient hospital fee schedules.	Chiropractic, medical and podiatry rating and fee recommendations.	Medical - 6 Commerce and Industry - 1 Labor - 1 Self-Insurance - 1 No Fault Insurance - 1 Insurance Carriers - 5 State Insurance Department - 2	Ongoing	Incorporated new and deleted AMA CPT codes into the medical fee schedule.
New York	Self-Insurance Advisory Committee	Chairman, WC Board	Advise Chairman on all matters relating to self-insurers, i.e., regarding rules governing self-insurers, and deposit or withdrawal of securities.	Recommendations to the Chairman.	Self-Insurers WC Community Ongoing	Start - 1965	No recommendations made as of 1/1/01.

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New York	Advisory Committee on Administrative Practices and Procedures	Chairman, WC Board	Provide assistance to Chairman in reviewing, revising and instituting new internal and external procedures, rules, regulations and laws.	Suggestions for improvements in administration.	Law - 4 Medical - 1 Self-Insurance - 2 Licensed representatives - 1 NY Committee for NYCOSH - 1 Carriers - 4 Special Funds Conservation Committee - 1 Business - 1 Labor - 2	Ongoing	Discussed future opening of additional district offices to accommodate increased case workloads; discussed system's modernization efforts, and the hiring and training of judges.
North Carolina	Medical Advisory Committee	North Carolina Medical Society (for physicians only; other providers are appointed by each association or commission)	Advise Commission on appropriate fees for medical services rendered to wc claimants by physicians, hospitals, dentists, prosthetists, therapists, and chiropractors.	Recommendations to Industrial Commission.	Physicians - 33	Ongoing - serves at the pleasure of the North Carolina Medical Society	Made recommendations and adjustments to medical fee schedule for approval by the Commission. Meet once a year to review contested cases.

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North Carolina	Advisory Medi- cal Commission	Governor	Examine claim- ants for sili- cosis and asbestosis.	Medical evalua- tions.	Physicians - 3	Start - 1935 six-year terms	Conducted examina- tions of claimants for asbestosis and silicosis.
North Carolina	Textile Occupa- tional Disease Panel	Industrial Commission	Examine claim- ants suspected of having bys- sinosis. Pro- vide medical opinions to Commission.	Medical evalua- tions.	Physicians - 22 (Number of physi- cians in- creases as more pul- monary spe- cialists become in- terested in serving. The Commission approves their qualifications.)	Start - 1979 and serve at the plea- sure of the Com- mission	Panel continues to examine and review cases of suspected byssinosis and make evaluations.
North Carolina	Advisory Council	Chairman, Industrial Commission	Advise Chair- man on wc is- sues and other matters within jurisdiction of Commission.	Make recommen- dations on changes to Com- mission rules and regulations.	Attorneys Physicians Labor Management	Start - 7/5/94 and serve at the pleasure of the Chairman	Assisted with drafting of new rules and regu- lations, and provided techni- cal knowledge and expertise. Pro- vided good balance of competing in- terest in order to give overall pic- ture of issues currently facing the Commission.

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North Dakota	Board of Directors	Governor	Provide general guidance at the macro level for Bureau policy. Monitors goals program whose aim is the con- stant improve- ment of the wc program.	Recommendations, to improve wc program.	Business - 1 (under \$10,000 in premiums) Business - 1 (\$10,000 - \$25,000 in premiums) Business - 2 (over \$25,000 in premiums) Risk Management Program Specialist - 1 At-Large - 1 Medical Provider, MD (non-voting) - 1 Employees - 3 (one employee must have a wc claim)	Start - 8/1/97 Ongoing	Board approved the implementation of additional pre- mium incentive programs.
Ohio	Bureau of Workers' Compensation Oversight Commission	Governor	Review pro- grams of BWC in meeting cost/quality standards, and set investment policy.	Make recommen- dations re- garding cost/ quality stand- ards, and review rules.	Employers - 2 Employees - 2 Public - 1 Legislature - 4 (non-voting)	Start - 1/17/96 Ongoing	Approved a \$1.25 billion premium dividend credit over calendar year 1999 to Ohio employers. Approved lowering of wc premium rates for public and private employers on average of 10 percent and 8 percent, respective- ly.

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Oklahoma	Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation	Governor, President of Senate, and Speaker of House of Representatives (3 members each)	Analyze and review the wc system, the WC Administra- tor's annual report, and trends in wc.	Make annual recommendations on improvements and proper re- sponses to trends in wc to the Governor, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Presi- dent of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.	Employers - 3 Employees - 3 Attorneys - 3 Administrator and Presiding Judge are ex officio mem- bers	Start - 9/90 Ongoing	No recommendations made as of 1/1/01.
Oklahoma	Physician Advisory Committee	Governor, Presi- dent Pro Tempore of Senate, and Speaker of House of Representa- tives (3 members each)	Advise wc court on medical matters concern- ing wc.	Assist the WC Court regarding utilization re- view and abusive medical practices; provide recommen- dations on devia- tions from the AMA Guides, alter- native methods to evaluate perma- nent impairment, treatment guide- lines, utilization controls, and in- jury causation and apportionment; con- duct educational seminars; and, help the Court to access medical information.	Doctor of Medi- cine - 2 Rural Family Doctor - 1 Osteopathic Phys. - 2 Podiatrist - 1 Chiropractor - 1 Either doctor of medicine or osteopathy - 2 (members repre- sent different congressional districts and serve 3-year terms)	Start - 9/1/93 Ongoing	No recommendations made as of 1/1/01.

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Oklahoma	Joint Committee on the Multiple Injury Trust Fund	President Pro Tempore of Sen- ate, and Speaker of House of Representatives (5 members each)	Determine im- pact of disol- ving Fund on business, de- termine Fund's unfunded lia- bility, and study impact of Federal ADA.	Report will be issued by Jan- uary 1, 1999.	Senate mem- bers - 5 House mem- bers - 5	Start - 1994 Ongoing	Analysis of Multi- ple Injury Trust Fund.
Oregon	Advisory Committee on Medical Care (statutory)	Director, Department of Consumer and Business Services	Advise the Dir- ector on medi- cal care pro- visions.	Recommendations on rules and medical care to injured workers.	Physi- cians - 8 Insurers - 1 Injured Workers - 1 Employers - 1 MCOS - 1	Start - 1966 Ongoing	Active.
Oregon	Management/ Labor Advisory Committee (Statutory)	Governor	Advise the Dir- ector and Leg- islature on wc issues.	Advice on issues relating to wc legislation and administration.	Manage- ment - 5 Labor - 5	Start - 1989 Ongoing	Reviewing 2001 leg- islation including a new workers' compen- sation reform bill, Senate Bill 485, and providing recommend- ations to the de- partment director, legislative commit- ties, and Governor.

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Pennsylvania	Workers' Compensation Advisory Council	Senate and House Majority and Minority leaders	Review requests for funding by the Department of Labor and Industry, and any assessments against employers or insurers; review proposed legislation and regulations; and, review the annual medical accessibility study.	Reports findings to the Governor, the Department of Labor and Industry Secretary, and the Legislature.	Secretary of Labor and Industry - 1 (ex officio) Business - 4 Labor - 4	Reinstated - 1987 Ends - Indefinite	Worked on pre-guaranty self-insurance fund legislation which provided \$1.6 million to claimants whose pre-1993 cases were unable to be paid by their defunct self-insured employers. Claimants are now able to receive those benefits.
Puerto Rico	NO COMMITTEES OR COMMISSIONS						
Rhode Island	NO COMMITTEES OR COMMISSIONS						
South Carolina	Governor's Advisory Committee for the Improvement of Workers' Compensation Laws	Governor	Consider improvements in wc law and monitor the effectiveness of existing law; provide input to legislative process by knowledgeable representatives of interest groups.	Annual recommendations for changes are made to the General Assembly.	Defense attorney - 1 Claimant attorney - 1 Labor representative - 1 General public - 1 Plaintiff attorney - 1	Start - 1974 Permanent	No recommendations made as of 1/1/01.

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South Dakota	Governor's Council on Workers' Compensation	Governor, Lt. Governor serves as non- voting Chair	Review wc sys- tem and make recommendations for statutory and administra- tive changes; examine feasible cost control measures.	Annual report; recommendations require unani- mous vote.	Eight members, four each representing employers and employees	Start - 1991 Ongoing	Inactive
Tennessee	NO COMMITTEES OR COMMISSIONS						
Texas	Research and Oversight Council on Workers' Compensation	Lieutenant Governor, Speaker of the House of Representa- tives, WC Commission, and Commis- sioner of In- surance	Reviews legisla- tive recommen- dations, re- searches and monitors the wc system, identifies problems in the system and recommends solutions.	Reports to the Governor, Lt. Governor, and Speaker of the House of Repre- sentatives by December 31 st in even-numbered years. Completes annual research agenda by August 31 st each year.	Senators - 3 Representa- tives - 3 Employee WC Commissioner - 1 Employer WC Commissioner - 1 Commissioner of Insurance representative - 1	Start - Septem- ber 1995 Ends - 2010	Issues quarterly newsletter; provides public assistance with information on the State wc system.

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Washington	Workers' Compensation Advisory Committee	Director, Department of Labor and Industry	Advise the Department on wc matters.	Report to the Department, the Industrial In- surance Board, and all special interest groups.	Employers - 3 Employees - 3 Self-Insured Employers - 1 Employees of Self- Insured - 1 Ex Officio Member - 1	Start - 7/1/71 Ongoing	WCAC Subcommittee on Health Care provides ad- vice to the DL&I on health care delivery im- provement projects. Cur- rently working with the DL&I to develop a pilot project aimed at expand- ing occupational health services with a goal to implement two Community- based pilots that improve primary care and physi- cians' knowledge of occu- pational health best prac- tices. The WCAC Health Care Subcommittee will be reviewing the overall pilot design in June-July 2001. The Request for proposal for two Centers of Occupational Health and Education will be is- sued in August 2001. A major focus of the pilot will be to: get doctors to notify employers of the injury, review work re- strictions at each visit, identifying job risks, and improve care coordination with case management tech- niques. This will be done using occupational health experts as Continuing Med- ical Education (CME) lec- turers and mentors. Local non-expert doctors will be recruited using financial incentives and free CME.

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West Virginia	Compensation Programs Performance Council	Governor	Advise the Commissioner on wc matters.	Makes rules for the WC Division. Recommends changes to the wc law. Sets premium rates for employers.	Commissioner of Employment Programs (Chair) Labor - 4 Business - 4	Start - 7/1/93 Ongoing	Continued to refine the premium rate-making process. Recognized and supported safety initiatives in the timber industry. Supported and approved the Return-to-Work-Credit Program. Studied physician panels, noncoal-related occupational pneumoconiosis, disability vs. impairment ratings, employer participation in the wc system and alternative methods to reduce the wc deficit.
Wisconsin	Workers' Compensation Advisory Council	Secretary of Workforce Development	Proposed legislation to improve the wc system.	Series of amendments to the wc statute.	Labor - 5 Industry - 5 Insurance Industry - 3 (non-voting) State agency - 1	Start - each October Ends - prior to commencement of legislative session.	Currently gathering information for areas of possible legislative change.
Wyoming	NO COMMITTEES OR COMMISSIONS						